

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic remittance notice analysis system,
comprising:

5 a database component operable to maintain electronic
 remittance notice information for a plurality
 of healthcare providers, the electronic
 remittance notice information includes claim
 adjudication information for a plurality of
10 claims for each of the plurality of healthcare
 providers and for a plurality of procedures,
 the claim adjudication information includes
 information for each of the plurality of claims
 that includes healthcare provider identifier
15 information, date information, procedure
 information, denial/allowance information, and
 financial information; and
 a processor component operable to access the
 database component and determine, for a period
20 of time and for a plurality of claims, an
 average denial rate for each of the plurality
 of procedures for one of the plurality of
 healthcare providers, an average aggregate
 denial rate for each of the plurality of
25 procedures for the plurality of healthcare
 providers, a weighting factor for each of the
 plurality of procedures for the one of the
 plurality of healthcare providers based on the
 financial information, the processor further
30 operable to determine a weighted average denial
 rate for the period of time for the one of the
 plurality of healthcare providers based on the
 weighting factor for each of the plurality of

procedures for the one of the plurality of
healthcare providers, and a weighted average
aggregate denial rate for the period of time
for the plurality of healthcare providers based
on the weighting factor for each of the
plurality of procedures for the one of the
plurality of healthcare providers.

2. The electronic remittance notice analysis system
of Claim 1, wherein the financial information includes an
amount billed for a procedure.

3. The electronic remittance notice analysis system
of Claim 1, wherein the financial information includes an
amount allowed for a procedure.

4. The electronic remittance notice analysis system
of Claim 1, wherein the financial information includes an
amount paid for a procedure.

5. The electronic remittance notice analysis system
of Claim 1, wherein the financial information includes an
average days sales outstanding for a procedure.

6. The electronic remittance notice analysis system
of Claim 1, wherein the electronic remittance notice
information is generated by one or more third party
payers.

7. The electronic remittance notice analysis system
of Claim 1, wherein the processor component is further
operable to compare the weighted average denial rate and
the weighted average aggregate denial rate.

8. The electronic remittance notice analysis system of Claim 1, wherein the processor component is further operable to determine a percentage difference between the weighted average denial rate and the weighted average aggregate denial rate to generate a denial rate equalizer.

9. The electronic remittance notice analysis system of Claim 1, wherein the processor component is further operable to access the database component and determine, for a period of time and for a plurality of claims, an average days sales outstanding for each of the plurality of procedures for one of the plurality of healthcare providers, an average aggregate days sales outstanding for each of the plurality of procedures for the plurality of healthcare providers, a days sales outstanding weighting factor for each of the plurality of procedures for the one of the plurality of healthcare providers based on the financial information, the processor further operable to determine a weighted average days sales outstanding for the period of time for the one of the plurality of healthcare providers based on the days sales outstanding weighting factor for each of the plurality of procedures for the one of the plurality of healthcare providers, and a weighted average aggregate days sales outstanding for the period of time for the plurality of healthcare providers based on the days sales outstanding weighting factor for each of the plurality of procedures for the one of the plurality of healthcare providers.

10. The electronic remittance notice analysis system of Claim 9, wherein the financial information

includes an amount billed for a procedure.

11. The electronic remittance notice analysis
system of Claim 9, wherein the financial information
includes an amount allowed for a procedure.

12. The electronic remittance notice analysis
system of Claim 9, wherein the financial information
includes an amount paid for a procedure.

13. The electronic remittance notice analysis
system of Claim 9, wherein the financial information
includes an average denial rate for a procedure.

14. The electronic remittance notice analysis
system of Claim 9, wherein the electronic remittance
notice information is generated by a third party payer.

15. The electronic remittance notice analysis
system of Claim 9, wherein the processor component is
further operable to compare the weighted average days
sales outstanding and the weighted average aggregate days
sales outstanding.

16. The electronic remittance notice analysis
system of Claim 9, wherein the processor component is
further operable to determine a percentage difference
between the weighted average days sales outstanding and
the weighted average aggregate days sales outstanding to
generate a days sales outstanding equalizer.

17. The electronic remittance notice analysis
system of Claim 9, wherein the processor component is

further operable to determine a percentage difference between the weighted average denial rate and the weighted average aggregate denial rate to generate a denial rate equalizer.

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18. The electronic remittance notice analysis system of Claim 17, wherein the processor component is further operable to determine a percentage difference between the weighted average days sales outstanding and the weighted average aggregate days sales outstanding to generate a days sales outstanding equalizer.

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19. The electronic remittance notice analysis system of Claim 18, wherein the processor component is further operable to determine a composite equalizer based on an average of the denial rate equalizer and the days sales outstanding equalizer.

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20. The electronic remittance notice analysis system of Claim 19, wherein the average of the denial rate equalizer and the days sales outstanding equalizer is a weighted average.

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21. An electronic remittance notice analysis
system, comprising:

a database component operable to maintain electronic
remittance notice information for a plurality
of healthcare providers, the electronic
remittance notice information includes claim
adjudication information for a plurality of
claims for each of the plurality of healthcare
providers and for a plurality of procedures,
the claim adjudication information includes
information for each of the plurality of claims
that includes healthcare provider identifier
information, date information, procedure
information, denial/allowance information, and
payment information; and

a processor component operable to access the
database component and determine, for a period
of time and for a plurality of claims, an
average days sales outstanding for each of the
plurality of procedures for one of the
plurality of healthcare providers, an average
aggregate days sales outstanding for each of
the plurality of procedures for the plurality
of healthcare providers, a weighting factor for
each of the plurality of procedures for the one
of the plurality of healthcare providers based
on the payment information, the processor
further operable to determine a weighted
average days sales outstanding for the period
of time for the one of the plurality of
healthcare providers based on the weighting
factor for each of the plurality of procedures
for the one of the plurality of healthcare

providers, and a weighted average aggregate
days sales outstanding for the period of time
for the plurality of healthcare providers based
on the weighting factor for each of the
plurality of procedures for the one of the
plurality of healthcare providers.

22. The electronic remittance notice analysis
system of Claim 21, wherein the payment information
includes an amount billed for a procedure.

23. The electronic remittance notice analysis
system of Claim 21, wherein the payment information
includes an amount allowed for a procedure.

24. The electronic remittance notice analysis
system of Claim 21, wherein the payment information
includes an amount paid for a procedure.

25. The electronic remittance notice analysis
system of Claim 21, wherein the payment information
includes an average denial rate for a procedure.

26. The electronic remittance notice analysis
system of Claim 21, wherein the processor component is
further operable to determine a percentage difference
between the weighted average days sales outstanding and
the weighted average aggregate days sales outstanding to
generate a days sales outstanding equalizer.

27. A method for analyzing electronic remittance notice information, comprising:

receiving electronic remittance notice information from a third party payer, the electronic remittance notice information includes claim adjudication information for a plurality of claims for each of a plurality of healthcare providers and for a plurality of procedures, the claim adjudication information includes healthcare provider identifier information, date information, procedure information, denial/allowance information, and financial information;

determining, for a period of time and for the plurality of claims for each of the plurality of procedures, an average denial rate for each of the plurality of procedures for one of the plurality of healthcare providers;

determining, for the period of time and based upon at least part of the plurality of claims, an average aggregate denial rate for each of the plurality of procedures for the plurality of healthcare providers;

determining a weighting factor for each of the plurality of procedures for the one of the plurality of healthcare providers based on the financial information;

determining a weighted average denial rate for the period of time for the one of the plurality of healthcare providers based on the weighting factor for each of the plurality of procedures for the one of the plurality of healthcare providers; and

determining a weighted average aggregate denial rate
for the period of time for the plurality of
healthcare providers based on the weighting
factor for each of the plurality of procedures
for the one of the plurality of healthcare
providers.

28. The method of Claim 27, wherein the electronic
remittance notice information is generated by one or more
third party payers.

29. The method of Claim 27, further comprising:
comparing the weighted average denial rate and the
weighted average aggregate denial rate.

30. The method of Claim 27, further comprising:
determining a percentage difference between the
weighted average denial rate and the weighted
average aggregate denial rate to generate a
denial rate equalizer.

31. The method of Claim 27, further comprising:
determining, for the period of time and for the
plurality of claims, an average days sales
outstanding for each of the plurality of
procedures for one of the plurality of
healthcare providers;
determining, for the period of time and based upon
at least part of the plurality of claims, an
average aggregate days sales outstanding for
each of the plurality of procedures for the
plurality of healthcare providers;
determining a weighted average days sales

5 outstanding for the period of time for the one
 of the plurality of healthcare providers based
 on the weighting factor for each of the
 plurality of procedures for the one of the
 plurality of healthcare providers; and
 determining a weighted average aggregate days sales
 outstanding for the period of time for the
 plurality of healthcare providers based on the
 weighting factor for each of the plurality of
10 procedures for the one of the plurality of
 healthcare providers.

15 32. The method of Claim 31, further comprising:
 determining a percentage difference between the
 weighted average denial rate and the weighted
 average aggregate denial rate to generate a
 denial rate equalizer; and
 determining a percentage difference between the
 weighted average days sales outstanding and the
20 weighted average aggregate days sales
 outstanding to generate a days sales
 outstanding equalizer.

25 33. The method of Claim 32, further comprising:
 determining a composite equalizer based on an
 average of the denial rate equalizer and the
 days sales outstanding equalizer.

30 34. The method of Claim 27, further comprising:
 receiving the electronic remittance notice
 information from the system of the one of the
 plurality of healthcare providers; and
 communicating at least a portion of the electronic

remittance notice information to an analysis
system.

35. The method of Claim 34, wherein the
communication of the at least a portion of the electronic
remittance notice information further includes:

providing an agent on the one of the plurality of
healthcare provider systems to initiate transmission to
the analysis system.